

Proposed School Named for Leading Industrialist

Board Okays Plans

Plans to replace El Nido School with a new building at 186th and Prairie Ave. were approved by the Torrance Board of Education Tuesday. At the same time, the board decided to build a school for the mentally retarded on the old El Nido site.

Architectural plans for the new school at 186th and Prairie were authorized by the board, which decided to name the structure after Phillip S. Magruder, vice president of the General Petroleum Corp., who "has assumed leadership and given unstinting support as a key figure in the industrial leadership of Torrance to many community projects in Torrance, and particularly the financing of public education in Torrance and the housing of school children, over a period of 10 years."

Replaces El Nido

The Magruder School, originally designated Columbia School, will replace the present El Nido facilities, all located in temporary buildings. The board had been reluctant to build new facilities in the area until El Nido recently annexed to Torrance because of the possibility that they might lose the new facilities to another school district.

Bowen, Rule & Bowen, architectural firm, was authorized to begin making plans for the school.

Second School Planned

The same firm was authorized to make plans for a school for the severely mentally retarded children to be located on the old El Nido site.

The Torrance Unified School District cooperates with other school districts in this area in providing classes for children with various handicaps—such as blindness, deafness, and mentally retarded cases. The school would be built as Torrance's share of the care of the handicapped children. Other districts provide schooling for children with other handicaps.

Ashton Charge Dropped

Adultery charges against Capt. Ernest M. Ashton, 56, head of the Torrance police detective bureau, have been dropped by his wife, Marian, 54, in her uncontested divorce suit, according to Ashton's attorney, Charles Glass. A settlement was reached, he said.

Cigarette Machine Hit

A cigarette machine at Burger Buffet, Inc., 2372 Pacific Coast Hwy., was rifled after thieves broke in through a window, sheriff's deputies reported Sunday. The break-in was discovered by an employe, Julia Cluckey, as she came to work.

May Opening For Parkway School Seen

Parkway School's opening will be about May 1, the Torrance School Board was told Tuesday night. Construction delays have caused a postponement of the opening date.

The school, which will take 450 students off double session at Newton and Riviera schools, will serve children from the western part of Hollywood Riviera. At Riviera School some 726 children now are on double session, while Newton School has 182 youngsters in double-session classes.

Proposed boundaries for the three school districts were presented to the board at the meeting. They will include:

Parkway School—All children south of Pacific Coast Hwy., to Paseo de las Delicias, to Via Linda Vista, to Via Bonita, to Calle Mayor, to Via Monte D'Oro, to Via Alameda.

Riviera School—All children living east of Via Alameda and Via Monte D'Oro and south of Calle Mayor as far as Riviera Way. This includes the Palos Verdes Riviera tract.

Newton School—All children living east of Paseo de las Delicias, to Via Linda Vista, to Via Bonita, and north of Calle Mayor and Riviera Way.

Man Pinned Under Vehicle

Donald C. Langdon, 32, of Carson, miraculously escaped death or serious injury Sunday night when he was pinned under his station wagon in a spectacular smash-up at 235th St. and Arlington Ave., according to police.

Officers said the machine went out of control, smashed down a water hydrant and a wooden telephone pole before turning onto its side in a vacant lot.

By-standers lifted the machine from Langdon, who was pinned from the waist down. He was taken to Harbor General Hospital, where attendants said he was not injured seriously.

NATIONAL HEALTH WEEK OBSERVANCE UNDER WAY

National Health Week is now being observed in many different ways, according to Dr. Warren W. Hamilton, Health Week chairman for the southwest area of Los Angeles county.

The Torrance District Health Office of the Los Angeles County Health Department is holding an open house between the hours of 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. tomorrow.

Schools in the area are participating in recognizing "Health Week" in many ways and several nurses from the Torrance Unified School District, Redondo City School District and several other districts in the area will attend the school health program at the Biltmore.

Speakers Scheduled

In addition to these activities, many organizations have scheduled speakers to discuss various phases of health. Victor H. Vogel, M.D., spoke to the Crenshaw PTA last week on the topic "Narcotics."

Dr. Hamilton spoke on "What is a Good Health Program?" at the Torrance Elementary PTA meeting last night. Many other PTAs are providing for similar programs.

Chester Lancaster, president of the South Bay Children's Health Center and president of the South Bay Association for Exceptional Children, has indicated that visitors will be welcomed at the recently completed Children's Health Center.

Open House Set

Dr. S. J. Conrad, director of the Los Angeles State Mental Hygiene Clinic, indicated that the San Pedro Clinic which serves the entire Harbor, South Bay and peninsula area will be open for visitations during Mental Health Week which will be later in the spring.

The Health Week chairman, Dr. Hamilton, director of special services at the Torrance Unified School District, stated that "every week is health week insofar as the schools, community health associations, and health departments are concerned and that the recognition of March 17 to 24 is a way in which such groups can, through in-service education programs and open houses, allow citizens of the area to become better aware of health facilities, services and needs in the many communities in this area."

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Supervisor Asks Fencing For Channel

A motion by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn which would provide chain-link fencing along the Dominguez Channel was referred to the Flood Control District for study by the Board of Supervisors Tuesday.

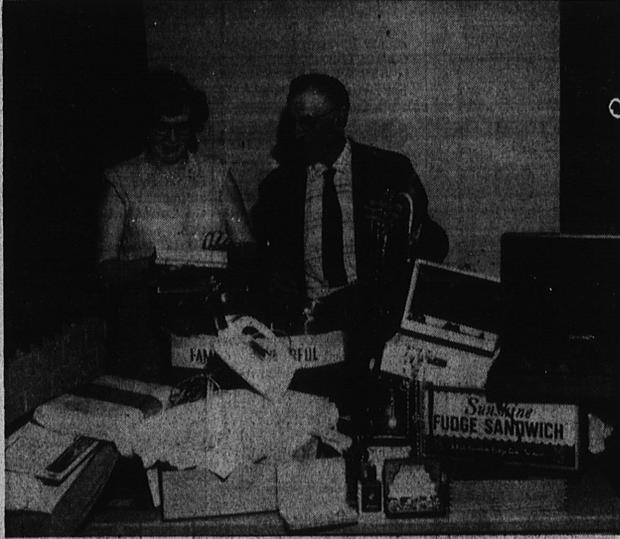
The Torrance City Council and Chamber of Commerce had passed resolutions calling for a six-foot fence along the channel to prevent children from falling into it and to see that "it is developed as it should be rather than remaining an oversized sump."

Replying this week were Supervisors Burton Chace, Kenneth Hahn, and Herbert Legg, each saying they personally favored the idea.

Hahn introduced a resolution proposing that Col. H. E. Hedger, chief engineer of the County Flood Control District, be instructed to erect the fence to halt possible loss of life.

The flood control district report is expected to take at least two weeks.

The matter was brought up recently when a small boy drowned in the channel in Gardena.



PACK RAT HORDE . . . Police Matron Dorothy Culverhouse and Detective Captain Ernie Ashton check pile of household goods and costume jewelry which is allegedly part of the loot taken in a series of house burglaries by Marshall Morlad Balchin, 41, of 25217 Pennsylvania Ave. Balchin was arrested by police Sunday night.

\$1000 in Loot Taken in Forays

Thieves got more than \$1000 in loot during four week-end forays, police reported Monday. A jewelry store and three homes were hit.

Two diamond rings worth a total of \$300 were taken from a display case in a jewelry store at 1410 Cravens Ave., according to the owner, Mrs. C. W. Humphries.

She said a man who posed as a customer evidently filched the gems while her attention was diverted.

A \$325 television set, \$125 cash, \$130 in checks and \$100 in savings bonds were stolen from the home of Joseph Pettijohn at 4314 W. 176th St., he told investigators. A side door was forced by the burglar.

Barbara Wood, of 2020 W. 166th St., reported the loss of about \$50 worth of clothing to a thief who entered her home through a window.

Someone who came in through an unlocked door took \$30 in cash, Mrs. Robert Short of 5409 Paseo de Pablo informed officers.

Board Okays Marion Ave. School Gate

The Torrance Board of Education Tuesday night decided to open a gate to the new South High School at the east end of Marion Ave. despite protests from residents in the area.

Residents had opposed the board plans to place a gate at the end of the street to provide an entrance to the school grounds from Calle Mayor. The school will front on Pacific Coast Hwy.

Residents claimed that the gate would create undue traffic hazards and congestion along what would otherwise be a dead-end street. Officials estimated that some 500 to 600 students would use the entrance.

The board, however, decided that a gate was needed there and offered to buy 200 square feet of land at the entrance from its owner.

Residents, led by R. E. Schroeder, said that an entrance for automobiles, a half block south of Marion Ave., would be adequate for pedestrian traffic, but the board felt that a combined car-pedestrian entrance would be too dangerous.

Thief in Raid Despite Dozen Yapping Dogs

Despite a dozen watch dogs, an animal shelter was looted of approximately \$400 in cash and checks here Monday night, according to police.

Officers said that the thief, undeterred by the yapping of the 12 canines, looted a cash box at the hospital at 20806 Hawthorne Ave.

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Council Denies Lomita 'Grab'

Residents of Lomita and other adjacent territories were assured by members of the City Council here this week that nobody was trying to "gobble them up."

Comments on the situation whereby ill feeling has been built up because of the city's annexation fever followed receipt of the Chamber of Commerce recommendation that annexations be left up to the residents of the areas—not pushed by the city.

Councilman Robert Jahn, who said much of the bad feeling may result from misunderstanding, told members of the Council that city officials should make public statements that it is not the intention of the city to grab areas, and that it couldn't be done in any event.

Councilman Willys G. Blount, who has opposed most of the annexation bids, said he shared Jahn's views, but asked who would know of the public statements.

"You couldn't get them printed in Lomita," it was charged.

Councilman Nick Drule, who has gone along with the annexation attempts, advocated caution, saying comments on the Council there could only result in more damage. He suggested the Council just keep still and let the Lomita residents decide.

Their chance to decide may come in the near future, City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier said. He reported that petitions calling for annexation would be circulated in Lomita this week.

Polio Shots Set April 2 At Narbonne

Both junior and senior pupils at Narbonne High School will receive polio inoculations on April 2 and 30.

The two-shot series will be free of charge, the only requirement being that parents returned authorization forms by tomorrow. The forms being issued in physical education classes Monday.

The first shot will be given April 2 with the booster on April 30. The third shot, to be administered seven to nine months later, will have to be given by the family doctor. Doctors say a person's resistance to the disease increases with each shot.

Special Council Meeting Called On Parking Lot

A special meeting of the City Council has been called for 5 p.m., Friday, to consider a resolution calling for condemnation of four downtown lots to permit construction of an off-street parking lot.

The property, referred to locally as the "old Mayfair lots," at 1336 Post Ave., has been included in the off-street assessment district maps, and was considered by city officials and parking officials as a key area to downtown parking.

The special meeting was called yesterday to follow up a vote of the Council Tuesday which authorized condemnation proceedings on the lot. The city voted to condemn it now because its present owners had taken out building permits to modernize the property.

The Council will consider the resolution and any other matter relating to it at the special meeting. City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier said. No other business will be conducted.

Man Happy for Slow Delivery Of Furniture

A fire which destroyed a couch and other furniture at the Jack T. Gerard residence, 22808 Ladene Ave., Tuesday night, was bad, but it could have been worse.

Gerard told firemen that he had ordered some new furniture which was scheduled to be delivered at the end of the week. The fire destroyed only the old furniture, he said. His problem of deciding what to do with the old furniture is solved, he reported.

Firemen said that the fire, apparently caused by a floor heater, caused several hundred dollars worth of damage to the home.

Al Hinz Appointed Head Of Cancer Drive Division

Appointment of Al Hinz, director of industrial relations for the Harvey Machine Co., to head up the commerce and industry section of the annual cancer drive for the Torrance area was announced yesterday by General Chairman Robert Jahn.

The Torrance area goal of \$17,300 for the American Cancer Society also was announced. Included in the Torrance area will be Torrance and the South Bay cities.

Jahn said funds will be used to finance the American Cancer Society's nationwide and local program on cancer re-

search, education, and service. The 1957 goal exceeds last year's goal of \$14,850. More than \$16,000 was raised here last year.

Hinz has stepped right into his job as the C. & I. chairman, and announced that his group intends to reach every citizen of the community "not only to ask for funds, but to present lifesaving facts about cancer."

He reported that two out of every four victims of cancer could be saved if the facts were understood in every home, and "it is our aim to see that they do learn the facts during this campaign."



REAL ESTATE "COLLEGE" . . . Making plans for a one-day "College of Real Estate Knowledge" to be held next Monday at Torrance Civic Auditorium are William H. Ritter, vice president of the 21st district, California Real Estate Assn.; Harry B. Bowker, vice president, and Perry L. Connett, membership chairman, Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors, and Edmund F. Shaheen, Compton, representing the CREA.